

Weekly Newsletter 28th October 2009

New Building – We are delighted to report that the new building will be open on time and will be in use from 9th November. All pupils will be collected by tutors from the playground on the first morning and taken to their form rooms. Any late arrivals will need to walk through the playground and enter the main door of the new building and report to Mrs Pearce as usual, her office is in the corridor to the right, first door on the right.

Year 10 will be meeting at the train station at 7am, and not coming onto site! Have a great week in London!! Don't forget your packed lunch and bring your blue bus pass or jumbo card if you have them. Check the weather forecast and pack accordingly!

Year 7 are leaving on their walk at 8.45am but will register as usual first.

Lockers – All secondary pupils need to **empty their lockers before half term** as they will get a new locker in the secondary building after half term.

Year 7 and 8 walk - As part of this year's P.E. programme, we have decided to take the children on a small expedition. Since the beginning of the year we have been trying to extend the endurance of all secondary students, and this should be an ideal test. The children will be expected to walk a distance of approximately **8km/10Km** during the day with breaks for snacks and lunch. We will be leaving school shortly after 0830 and returning at approximately 1500.

The walks will largely be in rural areas, so where appropriate places of natural interest will be pointed out along the way. Owing to the nature of the geography and season, children will need to have the following:

Strong pair of comfortable walking shoes – waterproof.

Hat/scarf/gloves depending on the weather.

Warm Waterproof jacket.

Waterproof trousers – no jeans.

Small rucksack to carry any food/drink.

Packed lunch/snacks.

Music Clubs – Pupils who wish to sign up for music should e mail reception@st-georges.lu to request a place. Hourly clubs will be 30 euro for the half term and the lunchtime half hour clubs will be 15 euro to Christmas. There is no charge for band and all pupils who play an instrument are asked to join the band on Thursdays.



Primary Dress Up – The primary school council have decided to hold a dress up day on 27th November. Pupils will pay 1.50 euro and the money will be donated to Kriibskrank Kanner charity.

Double Entendre – The adult singing group meet on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9pm. Next rehearsal is 17th November. If you are interested in singing in the Place d'Armes with the children this Christmas, please come along and join us. E mail music@st-georges.lu to be put in touch with a member. Or call reception for the phone number of Louise Brooksbank.

Secondary Reading Survey – Pupils will be given a reading survey today that they should fill in with their parents and return to school by 11th November. This is key stage 3, 4 and 5.

Child Safety – It has recently been in the UK press about the issues faced by children using chat room sites and possible inappropriate use of the internet. The following tips were included in an article and they may be of interest:

- *Visit www.coep.police.uk/parents to learn how to protect your kids online
- *Know what your children are doing online and who they are talking to. Ask them to teach you how to use any applications you don't know, ie chatrooms.
- * Help your child to understand that they should never give out personal information to online friends. This includes e mail, phone numbers and photographs.
- *Help your child to understand that people may not tell the truth online, and they should never agree to meet up with strangers they have met online.
- *Make sure your child is comfortable about coming to you if they are worried about something online. Teach them how to block someone online and to report anyone they are uncomfortable about. Reports can be made directly to ceop.
- *Encourage them not to open files from people they don't know.
- *If your child gets spam or junk mail remind them to ignore and delete it. They should not believe it or reply to them.

Christmas Fayre – Come and join in the festive fun at the St George's Christmas Fayre. Children can decorate their own Christmas bauble and Gingerbread man, make Christmas cards...and get their faces painted. There'll be Splat the Snowball, Name the Reindeer.... and of course Santa and his Grotto amongst many other attractions! Gluhwein and mince pies will satisfy hungry, thirsty parents, and it'll be a great opportunity to buy last minute Christmas presents, with beauty products, knitwear, jewellery, scarves, belts, books and cards all on sale. Please come along and support the school. More details to follow shortly.

Parent Monthly Lunch – The next parent lunch is scheduled for 13th November. Please call Emma Schaub or Chrissie Miller to find out more.

School Bus – A reminder that all pupils using the kirchberg bus MUST be collected on time. The staff member on the bus cannot wait for parents arriving late. Repeated late collection will result in you losing your place on the bus.



Home School Portfolio – Portfolios have been sent home with pupils in Reception to year 3 for you to look at. Please remember to return them after half term.

Language Lessons - Berlitz is organizing a series of FREE trial lessons in 10 different languages (French, English, Portuguese, Danish, Spanish, Norwegian, Dutch, Arabic, German and Italian) from 3rd to the 9th November. The lessons will take place during lunchtime. Places are limited so register now on info@berlitz.lu or call at 26 38 32 48.

Making Contact

Admissions - info@st-georges.lu

Pupil absence - reception@st-georges.lu for primary school.

admin@st-georges.lu for secondary school

Canteen and club correspondence – reception@st-georges.lu

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Dates for your diary

30th October.....Staff inset, school closed to pupils

2nd to 6th November.....Half term holiday

9th to 13th NovemberYear 10 residential trip to London 7am departure

12th November.....Year 9 Science trip 8am departure

18th November.....ASBL AGM Meeting 7pm

27th November.....Primary school dress up day

30th November.....Parent teacher meetings, report day

Paperwork issued to students this week

Secondary reading survey

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